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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

This Amendment is filed in response to the Notice of Allowance dated December 27, 2005, which provides for a response period ending March 27, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on Page 6.

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